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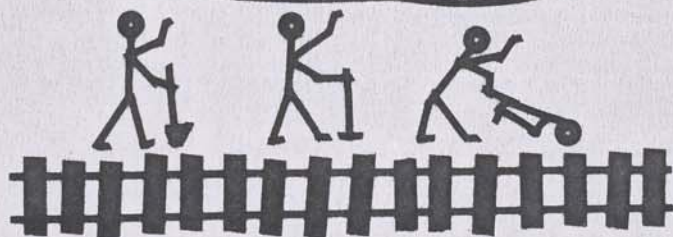
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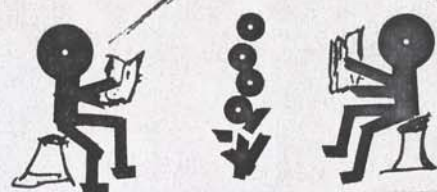
Autumn 1984

Christmas and New Year celebrations are over, the streamers taken (or fallen) down, the holidays are over except of course for the geriatrics, whom some say are on permanent holiday and we say that we never get a holiday !... So let's go back and see how we did over the past three months .

I suppose that the highlight would be the "Christmas Party & Show of Work Day". I was quite impressed, there were some magnificent models and part finished models on display, however our President expressed disappointment at the small number of entries - perhaps we should hold the 'show of work' at an evening session - perhaps earlier in the year; should we offer a prize or trophy ? These are some of the questions which your committee will investigate and of course if you, yes YOU, have any ideas, don't hug them to your miserable self let us know about them, tell me if you like and I'll guarantee to take all the credit !!

I guess that I should have had a notebook with me, so if I don't mention your project please forgive me, I assure you that I'll learn in time ! No wonder that Terry Terézise was anxious to know when the Show of Work Day was to be held, his LNER loco is coming on splendidly . Terry, like several others including myself, is building *' tender first'* .The tender is completed and looks terrific, the mainframe and motion is almost complete and I expect an invitation to the first steaming . Bob Nash from Broken Hill made it down for the day with family and that monstrous Northern (4-8-4) which seems to be growing like Jack's beanstork . I understand that it will be in steam by the middle of this year, it has had it's boiler test, but where will you run it Bob ? The gauge is right for our tracks but it would never make our curves and by the weight of it I'm sure that it would not derail but straighten our tracks out, maybe then we would become part of A.N.? !

Still with locos, some superb workmanship (I refuse to say workpersonship) was to be seen on the verandah outside the club rooms . I'm sure that we all drooled over



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Roger Giesecke's loco . What a magnificent finish it has, I'd love to see it in steam . Then there was Paul Griscti's models of farm equipment, which I understand is soon to travel to England for exhibition and lectures on Australian farming . And, hiding away in the darkest corner of the verandah was Fred Gordon's Quorn Tool & Cutter Grinder . For goodness sake Fred, were you afraid that the finish would blind us in the sunlight ? and you made it damned hard for us to get a reasonable photograph of it too ! Even in the dimness of that corner, it still stood out as first class craftsmanship .

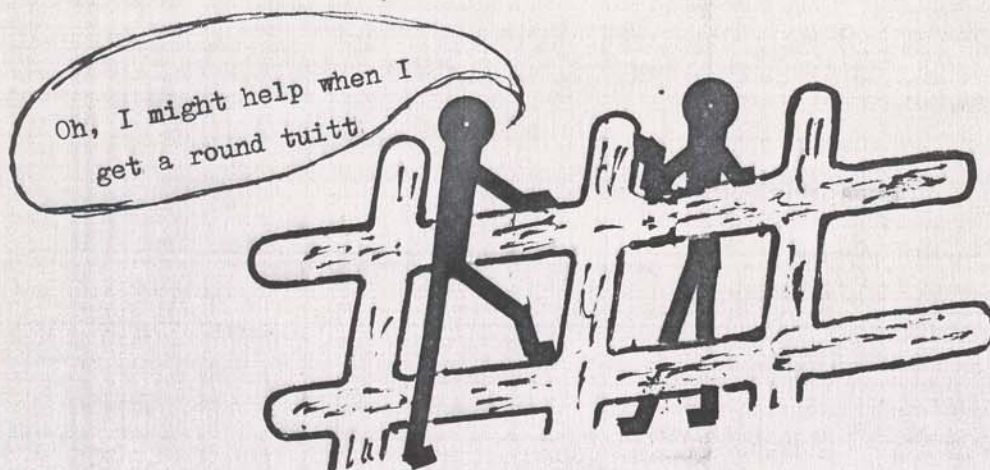
The Christmas Party part of the afternoon was a great success . Tom Fowler was the grand old man as usual and as usual did a beaut job, the kids (young and old) loved it . The canteen provided sweets and ice-creams and quite a few stayed on for barbeques in the cool of the evening .

By Jove ! I almost spoilt a beautiful friendship , I didn't mention Colin Cook's "Tich" and having had ample opportunity to see it since and with the motion work in action albiet with air supplied by a bicycle pump , I can only say that I wish that I had built it .

Perhaps Allan is right, there was a very definate lack of exhibits, and according to my listings of your doings there is quite a lot under construction . Boats, triple expansion engines, tractors, stationary engines and all types of locomotives, so why were they not on display ? At the present time it is called a "show of work", meaning that you trot along that item or items you have been working on during the past year .Not necessarily a finished article, you may only have bits and pieces of the whole model finished and here is the opportunity for you to enlist help if needed, for exemple you may say ' I have got this far but how do you do that ?'

This is a good time to talk about your 'FREE GIFT' . You didn't know that you had one !?. Well it's on page 6 . Cut it out, put your name in the centre and hang it in your workshop . Never again will you be able to say that you have not got a round tuitt . Above all, do Not block the centre in or it will become a black hole and you may disappear for ever and we would not like that .

Having a round tuitt, now is the time to reach for your cheque book, because fees are due before the annual general meeting in May, I know that it is four months away, but the next issue of the Bulletin will be in May and it will then be too late to remind you .



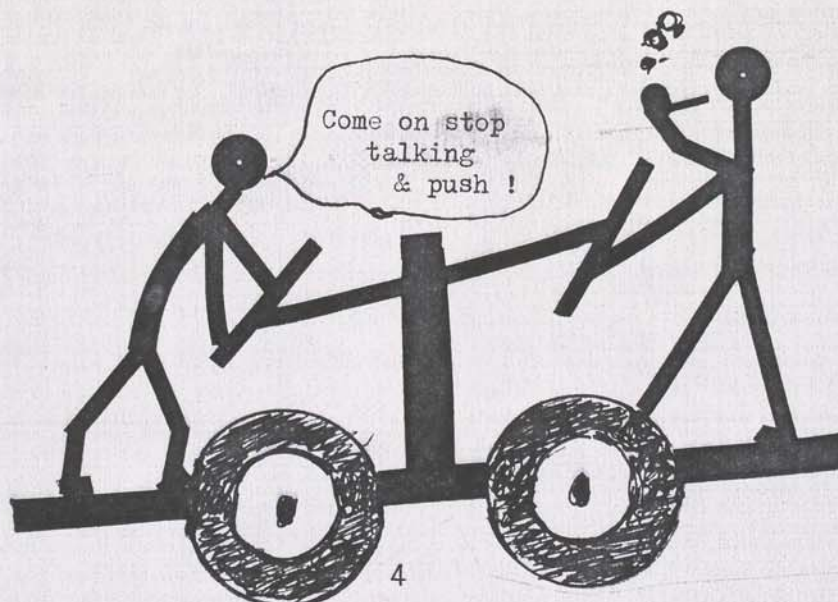
It's absolutely amazing what you can do when you have got a round tuitt, for instance regular attendance to the working bees , relieving your fellow member who has been on point duty and would love a cuppa, etc etc.

One of the nice things to happen in any society is the award of Life Membership to a member who has served with distinction over a long period and it was a pleasure to be able to award Life Membership to Ron Bloyd . Ron in his quiet way has been with us for about 40 years, I understand that the concrete pillars supporting our raised level track were mostly manufactured at Ron's place and also portions of the track itself . Scale drawings of the grounds (as they were many years ago) and of the proposed elevated track were prepared by Ron and he also served several years as secretary . Congratulations Ron .

Once again we have found that the first Sunday in January is a bumper field day, even though this year the first Sunday happened to be New Years Day (it wont happen again until 1989) the crowd was tremendous, unfortunately the helpers were few in number but with hard work we gave everyone a good time . There were only two locos on the elevated track, Barry Dunstan's and Terry Fitton's and they were on the move all afternoon . On the ground level we had more locos, but even so all loco had two cars, there was certainly no waiting for passengers . The regular canteen staff being away our treasurer's daughter and assistant treasurer's wife plus other helpers were capably handling the crowd . The third Saturday was not quite so busy and here we had a reversal of form ! The ground level only had two locos but the elevated had quite a few so once again the crowd were kept on the move .On both days the pond was busy with boats and the boiler house had streams of inquiring visitors .

As there were no rosters for the January field days we are very grateful to those members who turned up and worked like beavers .

Now for a brief summary of " the afters " from the general meetings of the past three months . November we had Paddy Brooks again who gave us some of his reminiscences of his earlier days on S.A.'s Steam locos, including some hilarious capers which I dare not put in print . Paddy was invited to our Christmas Party and I understand that he had a drive of one of our locos just for old times sake .



After the December meeting we had three films , the first was a light-hearted look at Canada's mainline from coast to coast from a per-way works trike . Although it was funny, the photography was good and we did see some of the splendours of that great line . The second film was about bearings, how they were made and dispatched around the world . The third film was about the heat treatment of metals and being a recent film was very favourably commented on by our metal's boys .

As there was not a formal meeting for January we had an evening play-night, there were some locos running, some boats in the pond (all very pretty with lights), and Norm Kernich brought along his telescope as he had promised and we had a look at the moon (it was too early in the evening to view the stars) all in all, those who turned up had a good time .

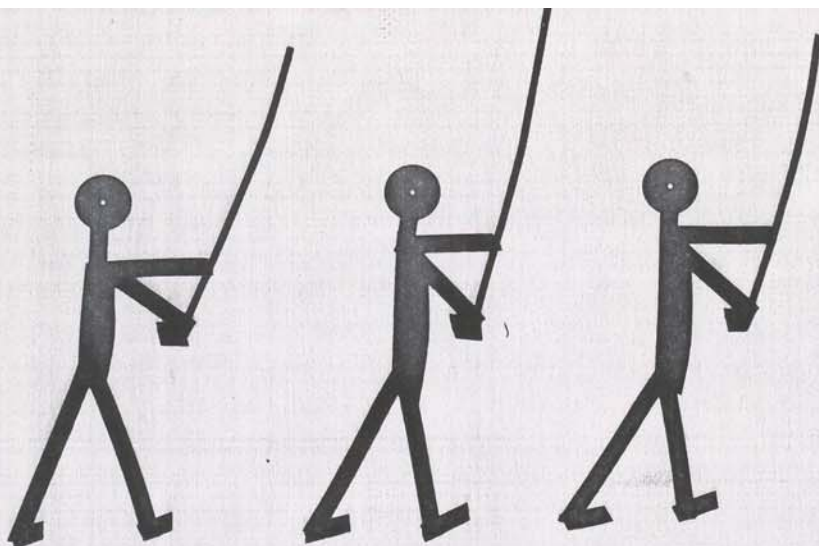
*** MOORABBIN *** Yes I have finally received the invitations for the 28th. Association of Live Steamers Convention together with registration forms and will be available at our February Meeting . For those going to the Convention it looks like being a busy and enjoyable time .

Other Mail : Summerville Enterprises of 304 Gilbert St., Adelaide will give you a discount on dry batteries including rechargeable batteries and torches etc on production of your membership card . If you haven't got a membership card then you are either a country member or you haven't attended our general meetings for some months !...

Wato Loco works of Western Australia have castings and drawings for 7½ gauge Hunslet or Heide 11 also 7½g. approx. prices are \$550.00 . Incidentally the Heide 11 is based on a Welsh narrow gauge 0-4-2 loco and is an ideal beginners loco - simple to construct .

The A.B.C. had a programme entitled " Playing With Trains " which they put to air on radio 2 8th. Jan and radio 3 on 13th. Jan. I listened to the programme and enjoyed it . It was recorded at the Queensland SMEE .

A letter from Ron Bennetts saying that he has two boats for sale , (pictures on the clubroom table) and Ron can offer "the best selection of boat parts on mail order from England ". Ron also said that his brass H O scale Rx loco was a success .



No, they are not after
our gold fish son!!
just boating ..

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And of course we receive the publications from our sister clubs which are available for you to read from our library .

Noticed that the boiler house has a goodly supply of wood, thank you to those members who have taken the time and trouble to provide this necessary item . The three scruffies (I'm sure they wont mind me calling them that) who wait in attendance on that boiler are doing an excellent P.R. job for the Society although if you quietly eaves-drop you are likely to hear a lot of hot air !

Several of our members have been in and out of hospital , we wish them well and back to modelling speedily .

Having to collect the films for the December meeting before 5.30 pm. I arrived at the grounds very early (too far to go home & back again) so I took the opportunity of having a stroll around the grounds and I was most impressed at the tidiness but don't let this go to your heads, grass and especially weeds grow at a great rate of knots and there is always something to do .

Allan Wood from Nottingham England, out here on holiday, will be our guest speaker at the February meet . Allan was last here 4 years ago, his interest is in boats and traction, a boat Allan constructed 20 years ago was happily sailing on our pond on Saturday 21th. Jan. this year. Son Michael had made the R/C gear .

*** Notes on the Roster ***

A number of people rang to tell me that the ^Y didn't think Laurie Fielder would make it from Queensland for my roster and Laurie wrote to me and said that it was a bit too far . I don't think that that is good enough after all it is only a thousand & a half miles ! Sorry Laurie, with the best will in the world and my beautiful new chart I can still make mistakes .

** Final word for this issue **

Annual subs must be paid before the Annual General Meeting

held on the 2nd. Tuesday at 8 P.M.

In May

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TIME TABLE

February 1984

Tuesday 7th. Committee

Tuesday 14th. General Meeting

Saturday 18th. Public Field Day
2 - 4.30

Mr. Allan Wood

Graham Todd..Neville
Watts...Kirk Watts...
Fred Morcom...Jack Mell.

March 1984

Sunday 4th. Public Field Day
2 - 4.30

Tuesday 6th. Committee

Tuesday 13th. General Meeting

Saturday 17th. Public Field Day

Ken McDonald...Michael
Halstead...Chas. Hill...
Margaret Francis...
Peter Gore

Films

Dean Diguisto...Jim
Claridge...Alf Boyley...
Peter Cockburn...David
Eustace.....

April 1984

Sunday 1st. Public Field Day
2 - 4.30

Tuesday 3rd. Committee

Tuesday 10th. General Meeting

Saturday 21st. Public Field Day
2 - 4.30

Stuart Gamble...Robyn&
Roger Giesecke ...Fred
Gold...John Gordon.....

Ian Clarke

Volunteers needed
(Easter Saturday)

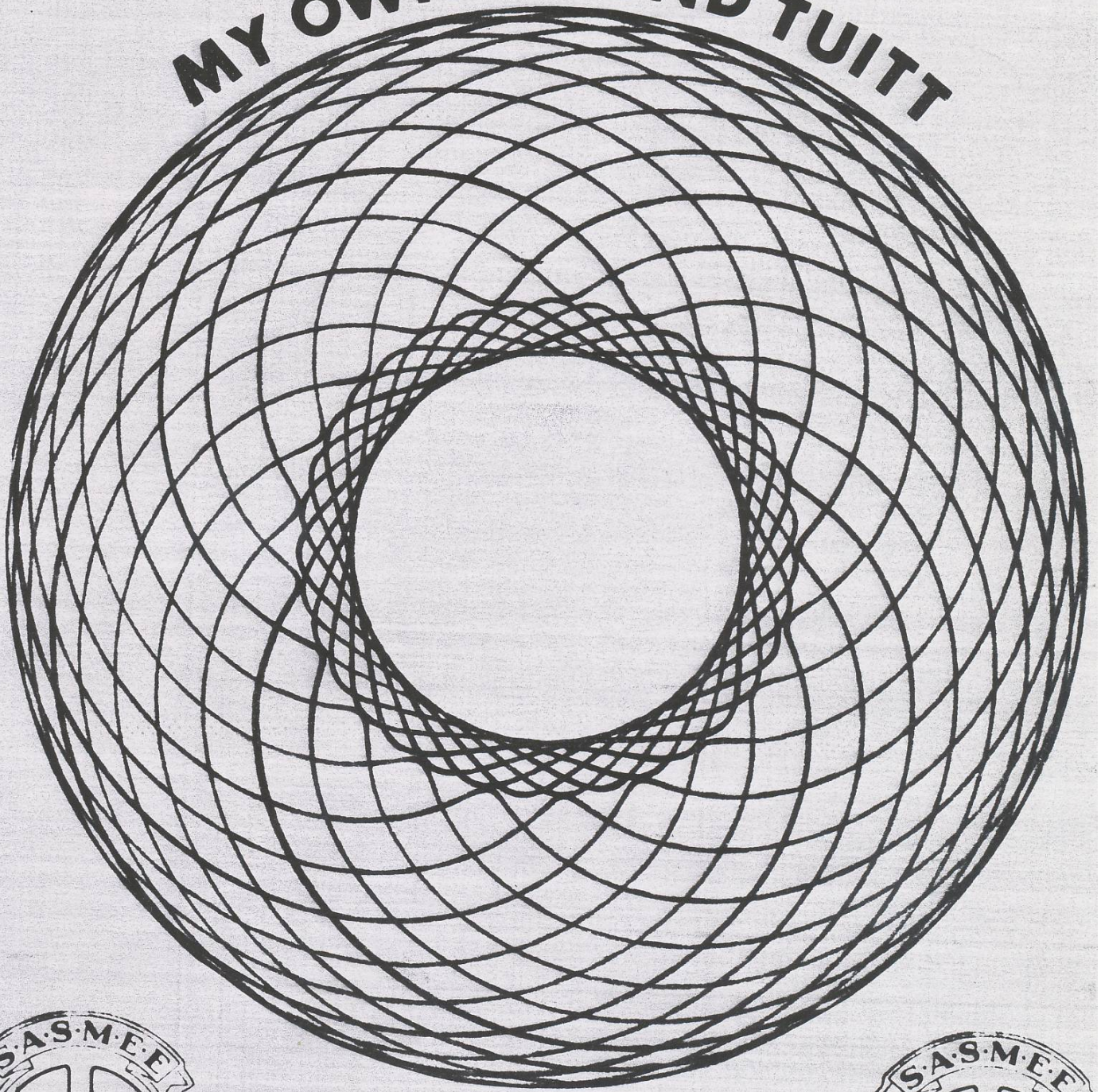
May 1984

Tuesday 1st. Committee

Sunday 6th. Public Field Day

To be notified ...

MY OWN ROUND TUITT



The Story of a Copper Boiler

A friend of mine had the need of the advise and help of an old time Master Craftsman in the construction of his loco boiler . Having completed the job in hand, like all good model engineers, they fell to reminising and as an aside my friend wondered what could be done with the pieces of copper left over ?

The old Craftsman picked up a pair of snips and started cutting and shaping . I wish that I had been there with a tape recorder, for from such talk can whole books be written . However before long out came the silver solder and like magic a beautiful replica of the original boiler appeared . Had it been exhibited at the Show of Work it would have taker pride of place . It just goes to show what most of the modern day apprentices are missing with all their tables and texts, they haven't learned to do things by instinct, to 'fly by the seat of their pants' as the saying is .

P.S.

Several items which I missed earlier and need to be mentioned .

The H.O. layout is looking good, and the boy's had it open to the public on 1st. January . Each time I looked in there was quite a crowd around it and it obviously was creating quite a lot of interest . I'm waiting for an invite to run my brass Erie 2-8-4 on it !..

Barbara Beal with husband John are making a tremendous job of the canteen and what's more at no cost to the club and we are reaping the benefits, what more can you ask ?

Those who thought that the Beverly Foundry was dead will be delighted to know that it is very much alive again and under the control of a Mr. Prince . I think that I have that right, but for more information (and I believe that it is good) seek out friend Barry Dunstan, who has the details .

Recently I needed some 1in. long 5 B.A. bolts with hex heads . Yes you are right, no such exotic animals are to be had in Adelaide . However a quick S.T.D. call on a Saturday morning to my supplier in Newcastle N.S.W. and I had the items sent airmail. It is worth noting that if you phone the Eastern States between 8.30 and 9.00 you have the advantage of the cheaper S.T.D. rates and it is after 9.00 over there and business is open .

By the way, E.&J. Winter sent to me with the bolts (and better still they had scale hex heads) their latest price list . All you have to do is to ask if you require to know any of their prices .



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